

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 2, 2017)**

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### **Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Tom Jarboe  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

### **1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the CSMC Minutes of April 25, 2017 and letter of support for the Fair Association, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

### **2. PROCLAMATION(S)**

Proclamations were presented for:

**A. NATIONAL DRUG COURT MONTH**

**B. OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 9 & 16, 2017.**

**B. DEPT. OF RECREATION & PARKS - Snow Hill Plan of Action**

I move to approve the Plan of Action for the Snow Hill Farm property and authorize the Commissioner President to sign related document.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. DEPT. OF FINANCE** - Contract Award Recommendation for Patuxent Park Revitalization Project - Phase IV Construction

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$653,423 and the Procurement Officer to award the Patuxent Park Revitalization Project - Phase IV Construction to the Great Mills Trading Post Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,204,637 subject to receipt and verification of Contract related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**D. DEPT. OF FINANCE** - Rescind Resolution 2017-04 Exempt Financing

I move to rescind Resolution 2017-04 Exempt Financing and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**4. RECESS**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Proposed Amendment to Chapter 254 of the Code of St. Mary's County, MD to Define Agriculture Operation

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:04.

**Present:** Chris Kaselemis

The St. Mary's County Farm Bureau initiated the request to update the Right to Farm Ordinance to define "agricultural operation" and "forestry". The desire is that there will be a uniform definition for agriculture, agricultural land, agricultural activities, and agricultural operations in all St. Mary's County laws and ordinances. The County Attorney worked directly with Jamie Raley, President of the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, to clarify the language of the proposed amendment. Staff briefed this matter to the St. Mary's County Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board. All groups are in concurrence with the proposed revisions to the Ordinance.

**Public comments given by:**

James Raley, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

**6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

## **7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

I move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Real Property Acquisition and Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

Discussion: A. Litigation

#### **PRESENT:**

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
George Sparling, County Attorney  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:36 - 10:48 am

Purpose: To discuss litigation.

Discussion: B. Real Property Acquisition

#### **PRESENT:**

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
George Sparling, County Attorney  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:49 - 10:59 am

Purpose: To discuss the purchase or disposition of real property.

Discussion: C. Personnel

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
George Sparling, County Attorney  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:00 - 11:15 am

Purpose: To discuss personnel issues.

Discussion: D. Personnel - Part 1

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:18 - 11:56 am

Purpose: To discuss personnel issues

Discussion: D. Personnel - Part 2

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:56 - 11:58 am

Purpose: To discuss personnel issues.

Discussion: E. Personnel

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:58 - 12:00 pm

Purpose: To discuss personnel issues.

Discussion: F. Personnel

PRESENT:

James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd M. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources  
Christine Fleming, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:00- 12:05 pm

Purpose: To discuss personnel issues.

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 5/16/17

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator

## **9. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

### **A. DEPT. OF FINANCE - Budget Work Session**

The Commissioners held a Budget Work Session to discuss Operating and Capital Budget Appeals and Realignment.

I move to keep the Constant Yield at the current rate of \$.8523.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.  
Final Resolution: Motion Failed  
Yea: Commissioners Morgan, O'Connor  
Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Jarboe, Guy

## **10. ADJOURN**

## **11. PUBLIC FORUM** - Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown

Commissioner President Guy opened the public forum at 6:30 pm.

### **Public comments given by:**

James Russell, 21258 Whites Neck Rd., Bushwood, MD 20618  
Lee Edgecomb, 25540 Jones Wharf Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636  
Gurpreet S. Gill, 23690 JM Gough Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Tim Dean, 49653 Buzzs Marina Way, Ridge, MD 20680  
John Healy, 23330 Red Oak Ct., California, MD 20619  
Norma Pipkin, P. O. Box 341, California, MD 20619  
Greg Sauter, 45265 Daniels Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636  
Keith Harless, 23225 Mirfield Ln., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Ashley Morgan, 23633 Margrave Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Mary Ludwig, 20907 Starling Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Paul Kelley, 41885 Medley's Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Lisa Grossman, 23593 Balmar Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Dennis Gavin, 25992 Hill Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Virginia Pontzer, 21623 Harrison St., Great Mills, MD 20634  
Pamela Mann, 22064 Fox Ridge Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Wanda Pray, 45676 Edge Mill Ct., Great Mills, MD 20634  
Jennifer Mountjoy, 23202 Pembroke Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636  
Georgia Kijesky, 21706 Tammie Dr., Great Mills, MD  
John Mountjoy, 23202 Pembroke Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636  
Karen Sauter, 45265 Daniels Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636  
Pam Galvin, 25992 Hills Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Kimberly Myers, 23338 Kingston Cr. Rd., California, MD 20619  
Robert Meyers, 23338 Kingston Cr. Rd., California, MD 20619  
Jayne Walsh, 42544 Woodbury Place, Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Blake Guyther, 28395 Old Lockes Hill Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Laura Davis, 19194 King James Parkway, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Lisa Yanchulis, 18163 White Tail Way, St. Ingoes, MD 20684  
Elizabeth Trossbach, 39058 Jacqueline St., Mechanicsville, MD 20659  
Jennifer Hudson, 23620 Whispering Wood Way, California, MD 20619  
Ken Carkhuff, 24880 Jones Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

## **12. ADJOURN**